



# College Preparatory Middle School

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**RE: FY2014 E-Rate Application #938277 for COLLEGE PREPARATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

To Whom It May Concern:

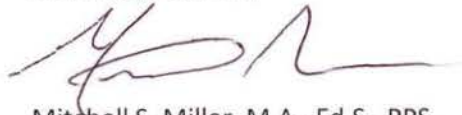
I am writing to appeal the decision to deny the E-Rate Application for College Prep Middle School (CPMS). As the information provided indicates, CPMS executed the clause in the current contract with our service provider, Cox Communications, on Jan 9, 2014 in order to extend the contract for one additional year to cover the 2014-15 school year. In February 2014, it was determined that in order to participate in the REQUIRED computerized California State Testing, CPMS needed to increase the internet bandwidth for the school. A delay in increasing the bandwidth would have negatively impacted CPMS's ability to participate in the new state testing. In order to increase our bandwidth, our service provider (Cox Communications) required CPMS to revise the active contract by increasing the contract for an additional year. Since CPMS was in an active contract with Cox Communications, following the executed extension in Jan, 2014 and needed to increase the bandwidth in a timely manner, we agreed to the revised multi-year contract beginning Feb 21, 2014. Breaking the current active contract with the established service provider (Cox Communications) would have resulted in unwarranted fines and fees. A new 470 and the related the bidding process was not possible, as the window was closed and the new 471 was already submitted. Please note that the E-Rate application was previously established and approved with this service provider (Cox Communications) in 2012 and 2013 funding cycles through the original 470, 471 and Items 21 and; therefore, we chose to execute an extension for an additional year with Cox Communications, not requiring a new 471 and related bidding process.

It should also be noted that CPMS complied with the instructions provided through the E-Rate HATS program in order to extend the current contract for an additional year (as documented by the correspondence previously submitted). As indicated, CPMS met all the requirements in order to obtain an approved E-Rate application. We proceeded with a revised contract with our approved service provider (these documents were submitted and are on file).

CPMS requests that our E-Rate application be reviewed with these factors in mind. It is our hope that our application and related fund disbursement may be approved for the 2014-2015 funding cycle.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding of our special circumstance. Please feel free to contact me if any additional information and related documentation is needed in order to facilitate the application process.

Much appreciated,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MS Miller', written over a horizontal line.

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